

The Wife's Money

"What is it dear?" asked Mrs. Prentiss as her little daughter came crying into the kitchen where she was washing dishes.



"My foot hurts," sobbed the child. "That old shoe! Let mother see! Oh, a stone has worked into that hole. The cardboard mother put in has worn through. I'll cut another piece. Then no stones can work in for a while," she said as she buttoned the shoe. "Won't you ask Daddy to get me a new pair?" asked the child. "Yes, dear. Much good will it do," she added to herself as the child ran from the room. "There comes the grocer's man. I am afraid to meet him. He surely will tell me I can order nothing more until something is paid on account, but if I keep my boarders, I must feed them, that is certain," and she answered the knock at the door and gave her order.

In just such a tension as this Mrs. Prentiss had lived for two years. Her husband earned a good salary, but Saturday evening he came home late with most of his money gone. He had made it a habit to hide the little bit that remained before he went to work Monday morning. That was easier than meeting the reproachful eyes of his wife when he handed her a sum pitifully inadequate to meet the household needs.

After the order clerk had left, she placed the roast in the oven and set about a thorough search for the money. She had looked in the corners of the bureau drawers, in the medicine cabinet, and the tray of her trunk and had found nothing. She

began making her bed, wondering where to look next. While she was beating up the pillows something fluttered to the floor. She picked up a roll of money that had evidently been tucked in the pillow case. Unrolling it she found there were four one-dollar bills. She opened her pocket book and placed them with the \$8 she had received from her two boarders that morning, making \$12 in all.

Taking a pencil she jotted down these items: Rent \$20, grocer \$28, coal \$8, shoes \$2.25. "What can I do with \$12?" she asked herself aloud, then bowed her head on her arm and the hot tears wet heringham sleeve. She reached for her handkerchief and resolutely wiped them away.

From a drawer in her writing desk she took out a leather case and opened it. A diamond sparkled on its satin bed. It was her engagement ring. She wondered if she could be the happy girl to whom that ring had been given, she whose life stretched in one dead level of monotonous work and desperate struggle to meet her bills. She slipped the case back in the drawer and returned to the kitchen.

After the dinner work was cleared away she dressed herself and little Bess and placing the leather box in her handbag she left the house.

She had a friend who was a jeweler. He would give her what the ring was worth, she knew.

"Do you wish to sell it or borrow on it?" asked the jeweler, noticing the name and date engraved on the inside.

"Sell it," she answered, while the hot blood surged to her face.

"A good judge of diamonds selected that," said her friend, as he counted out the money. "That is a fine stone."

"Now I can pay all the debts," she breathed as she left the store.

Household Hints

ROSE BEADS.

The Genuine Ones Do Retain Their Perfume.

A woman signing herself "Mrs. H. H." spoke recently of rose beads being a fraud. She said they lose their fragrance. I should like to say that I have a lovely string of rose beads made of nothing but rose petals. They have been worn over three years and I wear them often, and they remain just as sweet as when they were made. I have made over 700 beads myself, so I know that pure rose petals were used. Some rose beads are pretty, but a woman who makes a good many told me that half of them are mixed with flour and rose water. Those I should think would not keep their perfume long. I hope this will prove to your readers that the real rose petal beads are not a fraud.

GLOVE NOVELTIES.

Among nice things in gloves there is a good-looking pair which is effective without being conspicuous. Made from the finest white glove kid, it is piped in black and has long cuffs inset with puffings of black silk and edged with fine white Chantilly lace. The backs are richly embroidered, and two smoked pearl clasps fasten the gloves at the wrist. Another of the fine glove kid gloves has deep applied cuffs of contrasting colored kid in a pointed effect, the backs finely embroidered in raised silk dots.

CLEANING SILVER.

A simple and efficacious way of cleaning silver is this: Make a solution of baking soda and salt, allowing a teaspoonful of each to a quart of water. Put this solution in an aluminum pan or kettle and when it boils drop the silver in for an instant only. Have another pan of hot water handy, for rinsing purposes. On taking the silver from the soda mixture drop it in the rinsing water, remove and wipe dry. No further polishing will be necessary and all tarnish and stains will have disappeared.

BEADS OF ALLSPICE.

My grandfather taught me to make allspice beads that are pretty. I would like to tell you about them. Soak the allspice in warm water until they are soft enough to put a pin into. Then make a hole through each with a needle. After they are hardened string them alternately with gilt beads.

The bead craze knows no abatement. The allspice necklace is pretty if the spices are selected carefully, uniform in size, and lightly oiled, then dried, turning often to have them evenly glazed.

DON'TS FOR HOUSEWIVES.

Don't let the butcher weigh the paper with your meat.
Don't let the butcher touch the scales or remove the package until the indicator has come to a stop.
Don't forget that the weight of bread must be plainly marked on the loaf or wrapper.
Don't be afraid of the tradesman, and don't be ashamed to carry a bundle.
Don't mistake cheapness for economy.

TO TINT LACE.

When wanting to tint lace of beautiful creamy color, use 5 cents worth of yellow ochre and enough flour (a tablespoonful perhaps). Try a little at a time till you have the tint desired, by shaking in a paper bag. When you have the right color put your lace in and shake thoroughly and you will be surprised to see what a beautiful tint you have.

FOR CRAMP IN THE LEG.

When the cramp comes on take a long string—a long garter will do—wind it round the leg over the place that is affected, and take the end in each hand and give it a sharp pull—one that will cause a little pain. Instantly the cramp will depart, and the sufferer can return to bed assured it will not come on again that night.

PORCELAIN MAKERS OF TOKIO.

Porcelains with beautiful, novel patterns, depicting mountains, lakes and streams and historical places, are being manufactured and sold in Tokio, Japan. These are fine, artistic productions of the ancient Japanese craft, including Satsuma-yaki, Kutani-yaki, Kyoto-yaki and Tokyo-yaki, which have been newly designed to serve the purpose of table wares and utensils, mantelpiece and window decorations.

USEFUL WASH-DAY HINTS.

Soda should be thoroughly dissolved in the washing water before the clothes are put in. Never allow it to lie about on the clothes, as this sometimes causes ironmould. Soda should never be added to water in which woollens are being washed, as it causes them to shrink.

TO KEEP FISH.

Fish may be preserved for a couple of days in a very simple yet safe way. Boil together three quarts of water and a pint of vinegar. When just on the boil put in the fish and scald it, but not for more than two minutes. Hang the fish in a cool place, and it will keep fresh even in the hottest weather.

SULPHUR AND MOLASSES.

The old-fashioned way of preparing sulphur and molasses is one pint of molasses, three tablespoons of tar tar. Mix thoroughly. Dose, a dessert spoonful every morning. It is harmless. Children may go to the dish and eat it whenever they please.

Paint the Range.

If one has trouble keeping the kitchen range bright, the expedient adopted by one housewife might prove helpful. After cleaning the stove well, she gave the entire front of it a coating of aluminum paint. This lasted for several months. The stove covered with this paint will not rust.

CLEANING WITH GASOLINE.

In cleaning clothes with gasoline a ring is sometimes left on the fabric. The ring can be removed by steaming over a tea kettle.

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DIDN'T KNOW THE NAME.

Peanuts is Peanuts Where Mike Sheam Came From.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Attorney General Gregory, of Texas, so busy he could not find time to go out for lunch, rang for a messenger. Mike Sheam, who has guarded the door of the attorney general's office for a quarter century, responded.

"Take this dime and get me some goobers," said the attorney general.

Mike hastened across the street to a vender's cart and bought 10 cents' worth of chestnuts.

"I didn't want chestnuts," said the attorney general. "I asked you to get me some peanuts."

"Oh, peanuts was it?" responded Mike. "Sure, I never heard of that name you gave them. Where I come from they call them just peanuts."

CLOVER AND SAND.

The Conditions Under Which They May Be Fatal to Horses.

Balls composed of millions of tiny hairs from the crimson clover plant are sometimes taken from the alimentary tracts of horses. The formation of these strange felt-like balls in the intestines of horses is a singular feature of the somewhat rare cases where nature seems to have made no provision to protect her creatures against their common instincts.

Crimson clover is an excellent forage plant, and all kinds of stock animals graze it greedily, yet if it is eaten in the full ripe stage it almost invariably results in these felt balls, which are nearly always fatal to horses and mules. Man, however, can control the trouble by feeding the clover before it has become mature, when the small hairs are still soft and digestible.

A quite similar example of one of Dame Nature's slips is the sanding of horses in Florida and other very sandy regions. Here animals in close grazing swallow considerable quantities of sand, and in horses this sand compacts into balls in the animal's digestive tract which become cemented and as hard as rock, choking up the intestines and causing the death of the horse, accompanied by great agony. There is no known remedy for cases of either the crimson clover ball or for sanding.—Washington Star

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